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Ms. Irene Flannery USAC 2000 L Street, N.W. Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: Highland Cellular, Inc. (Virginia)

Certification for High Cost Loop Support

CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

This certification is submitted on behalf of Highland Cellular, Inc. ("Highland") in accordance with FCC Rule Sections 54.313 and 54.314. On behalf of Highland, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all high-cost loop support provided to the Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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Vice President

Title

September 16, 2004

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SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me this day of September, 2004.

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